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Address: Second Avenue (U.S. 65)  
Clinchport, Scott County, Virginia.

Present Owner: The Tennessee Valley Authority.

Present Occupant: None.

Present Use: Residence (vacant).

Statement of  
Significance:

One of the oldest houses in Clinchport, Virginia is the Kathleen S. Flanary House. Occupied by her father, E.T. Sproles, in 1907, the Flanary House is located in the flood plain of the Clinch River. The Flanary House is a wood frame structure with a central hall plan.

PART I: HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: According to Mrs. Flanary, the house was built (in 1907) by her father E.T. Sproles. After his death in the 1950's the house passed to Mrs. Flanary, and in 1978 to TVA. (A long-time Clinchport resident said that the front part of the house had been moved to this site and had initially not been used as a residential structure. No verification of this was possible.)
2. Date of Erection: c. 1900.
3. Architect/builder: Unknown.
4. Alterations and additions: A masonry room was added to the rear of the ell c. 1920. In 1957 the second story of the ell was removed, as was the rear stairway, the ell room expanded, parts of the front porch enclosed, the ell porch widened to form a kitchen and the asbestos siding added.

B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Structure

No information available.

C. Sources of Information

Telephone conversation with Mrs. Flanary and conversation with Clinchport residents.

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PART II: ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: A typical late 19th Century house that is one of the oldest residences in Clinchport.
2. Condition of fabric: Generally good. First floor has been damaged by the most recent (Spring 1978) flood.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 49' X 59', 2 stories plus attic.
2. Foundations: Foundations are concrete block around the perimeter and a mix of concrete block, brick and stone piers underneath the house.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wood frame construction with wood weatherboarding. The weatherboarding has been covered with dark red asbestos shingles (1957). End gables of front section of house have decorative shingle work and one rear ell room is of masonry (brick) construction covered with pink stucco.
4. Structural system: Wood frame with wooden floor and ceiling joists, roof rafters.
5. Porches: Remaining areas of exposed porch have turned columns with railings and valences also having turned balusters. The porch originally was continuous across street facade and ran around the east end to the ell and down east wall of the ell. A small metal awning has been added along the remaining areas of the porch.
6. Chimneys: Chimneys are of brick construction with two rising above the center of the gabled roof of the original building, and one smaller one above the roof of the addition.

7. Openings

- a. Doors and doorways: Main (north) and east exterior entry doors have moulded trim, glass panes and decorative bulls-eye blocks and panel trim.
- b. Windows and shutters: Windows are generally 2/2 and have aluminum storm sash on the exterior.

8. Roof

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roofs cover all sections of the house except for shed roofs of front porch. All are covered with asphalt shingles. The roof includes no dormers.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans

- a. Basement: Low crawlspace except for a small cellar room in southwest corner under last room of ell.
- b. First floor: Central plan front section with a rear ell to one side. Ell plan originally incorporated a second stairway followed by a pair of rooms. The open porch continued above the east (inner) side of the ell. A kitchen now occupies this expanded space and a bathroom is now located where the second stairway was. The ell rooms have also been expanded to the west and a masonry room to the east (rear) of the ell.
- c. Second floor: A continuation of the central hall plan with an attic space over the ell.

2. Stairway: One central stairway with two runs of steps.

3. Floorings: Tongue-and-groove hardwood flooring (first floor boards have buckled from water damage).

4. Wall and ceiling finishes

- a. First floor: Vertical beaded board wainscot with chair-rail and imitation plaster finish above. Some closets, etc. have remains of wallpaper on cloth backing over rough boards.

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- b. Second floor: Walls have been panelled with wood grained paneling in 4' X 8' sheets.
5. Doorways and doors: Simple panel wood doors with moulded door surrounds.
6. Trim: Similar moulded surrounds for window trim.
7. Hardware: Doors of front section have decorative lock boxes and grained door knobs.
8. Heating: Forced air system located in crawlspace, and fireplaces are located in both front parlors and second floor bedrooms (an additional fireplace is located in the ell between the two last rooms.)

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: House faces north and stands in the middle of a block.
2. Outbuildings: Only a small garage remains to the rear and west of the house.

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PART III: PROJECT INFORMATION

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